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## Obama hails end of 'decade of war' on Veterans Day



AFP photo shows US President Barack Obama laying a wreath during a Veterans' Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, yesterday. (see story on pg 6)

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## Viva Carnival 59 !



**Presenting the Carnival 59 logo**

Though actual Carnival 59 events will not officially begin until January 5, 2013, it has become a time honored tradition to officially open the upcoming season on November 11, at 11 minutes after 11:00 AM, a throwback to ancient European rituals of

and princes and panchos, who truly rule for the carnival season.

As ritual dictates, local media personality Ruben Garcia introduced this year's jingle, performed by popular local band Youth Extreme. The official beginning



**Carnival Queen Lynette do Nascimento presents the carnival jingle**

of Carnival 59 was marked by Carnival Queen 58, Lynette do Nascimento, presenting Tecla Kelly-Hernandez with the CD, as it was played for the gathering. Each year RBTT bank has sponsored the composing and recording of the jingle, and under its new banner of Royal Bank of Canada, or RBC, it continues the tradition.

Other traditions include the introduction of the annual logo. This year, carnival designer and enthusiast Michael Douglas was joined by the creator of the logo, Rowald de Graaff in presenting it to the public.



**Presentation of Kiwanis Carnival Gala.**

celebrating and feasting before the winter weather truly sets in.

On Aruba, the officially opening is an event accorded all the ceremony of the most important events of state and culture. Presiding over all is the Director of the Stichting Arubaanse Carnival, or SAC, the Aruba Carnival Foundation President, Tecla Kelly-Hernandez. She and a dedicated group of volunteers which organizes and administers Carnival events, welcomed the royal of Carnival 58, the various queens, kings



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## Viva Carnival 59!

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Quota club donates ear plugs

Major sponsor, SETAR NV, Aruba's telecommunications company, will be selling the tee shirts emblazoned with this attractive graphic.

Representatives of Kiwanis of Palm Beach presented Tecla with the first ticket to their annual masquerade fundraising ball, which takes place on the night preceding Jouvert Morning. Proceeds from the ball help to fund Carnival events.

Unfortunately, the beloved tradition of the introduction of the annual edition of Bac-cannal, the "bible" of carnival events and history, is delayed because of last minute schedule changes. It's publisher, Chibi van der Hans

expressed his regret but promised it will be available shortly.

SAC events coordinators Sharine Geerman and Rene Ridderstaat expressed their gratitude to all sponsors for making the 11/11/11 launch at Arashi Beach such a success. They wished all a happy and safe Carnival season 59, with many wonderful events enjoyed as a community.

The introduction of Carnival 59 continued in the evening with various groups showcasing their costumes and themes for the upcoming revelries, at a festive night at the Olde Molen complex in Palm Beach.

*Rosalie Klein*

## Parliament receives details on labor law changes

ORANJESTAD -- On Thursday, the Minister of Labor went to Parliament accompanied by several jurists to present an explanation of the three with the most changes, as well as the two completely new laws with respect to our labor laws.

The Minister explained that the process of change in our labor laws began back in 2004. However, after a careful inventory of the proposed changes back then, it was revealed that the changes were far from what was expected



by employers and employees. This then led to a new tripartite and the addition of a number of additional laws, such as the "on call" phenomena. Another addition was the needed protection for employees in the event a company goes bankrupt or is taken over by new owners, or puts employees "at the disposition" of another.

With respect to temporary Job Centers (Uitzendbureaus), there are scores of people working for 6,7 or even 8 years, including in the public sector, for these job centers without a fixed indefinite contract simply because they are employed by these temporary Job Centers.

Reportedly, in the past there were companies like

these who went bankrupt and never paid wages taxes and all their employees were laden with 5 to 6 years of wage taxes to pay. The new laws will cover this phenomenon and also regulate the "at the disposition" arrangement.

The Minister indicated that after almost 2 years of much study and deliberations in tripartite discussions with representatives of employers and with employees, they achieved a 95% consensus on all the changes and new law proposals. The intention now is to get the approval of Parliament so the laws can be implemented as of January 1st, 2013.

According to Oduber, these changes are part of a first phase of revisions, be-

cause the laws which cover our labor force is very encompassing and extensive with a host of antiquated laws.

Our laws, he explained must be adapted to our current circumstances.

The laws to be introduced in this first phase are flexible and efficient with a focus on better production on the job. The protection of employees' rights is guaranteed. And, employees have the assurance that at the end of the month they can count on receiving their fare wage.

In the coming days the government will be publishing detailed information about the different changes in the laws and the new labor laws. We are reminded that all in all these changes are for the explicit benefit of both employer and employee.

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Freddy Varga conducts the classes



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Solar kit prices from Elmar

Aruba's national distributors of electrical current, Elmar N.V., announced during the third Green Aruba Energy Conference at the end of the September, the company policy of assisting island households in adapting solar panels for individual consumer use. The company has also brought in a supply of high-wattage producing panel kits, complete with inverters, to be sold to households and businesses. Engineer Freddy Vargas, formally of Aruba's EPI Techni-

cal Institute, has lead on the project.

Last week, on Thursday and Friday, November 8 & 9, Mr. Varga welcomed over 130 individuals, mechanics and laymen, for a free two-day class on the installation of the new solar panel units now available through this program. The panels have been on sale in units ranging from 2.5kw to 10kw since the end of September. As installation is not included in the purchase price, Elmar wished to make the conversion as easy and inexpensive as possible by providing free in-

struction so purchasers can do it themselves.

Elmar Director Roberto Henriquez personally welcomed the group that filled the auditorium of the EPI School for the two day. Actual installation for use of the panels is relatively easy, as they are a "plug and play" system. Calculating the needs of the average home or business, as well as ideal placement for fully deploying the angle of the sun, does take some knowledge.

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## Free classes for converting to solar energy

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One student, a homeowner who believes that switching to renewable energy is an essential part of achieving a "sustainable Aruba," confirmed the class was very interesting and informative. Mr. Vargas confirmed that interest in the program was so overwhelming;

they will be scheduling a second class very soon. He also expressed his thanks to DTI, EPI C&T for their cooperation and CMB Bank for their sponsorship by offering special low-interest loans to homeowners wishing to install the systems and making the

switch to renewable energy. The Elmar program also provides monetary rewards for homes that will be feeding energy back into the system, so initial installation costs will be offset by this, while eliminating or vastly reducing monthly electric bills.

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## Bring on the bling at Caribbean Queen



Bettina Gonzalez cuts the ribbon

Island impresario Jody Tobman, founder of Salamander Holdings, staged a stylish grand opening event for her showcase store, Caribbean Queen, at the Palm Beach Plaza on Thursday evening, November 8. Though open a year, it was a special night and celebration of not just another retail outlet, but the strong, community minded, trend-setting local women for whom the store was created.

Salamander Holdings has shops in several malls. Each store has a certain personality, but it was inventory from all of them, and the glittery, feminine fare of Caribbean Queen that was showcased for the opening event, as well as the "real Aruban women" who inspired it.

Jody was dressed in a maxi-length vest made of pop-top can tabs, an example of the inventory they carry fashioned from recycled materials. Models for the evening were island career women of note, who, aside from their busy work schedules, dedicate a great deal of their time to community causes and worthy foundations. Co-founders of the Aruba Autism Foundation, Dilma Arends, Monique Kuiperi and Thais Erasmus lent their elegant presence, as did other notable ladies such as Diana Uchtmann and Femke Fingal of Centro Kibrahacha for 60+, Lillian Prins of the Wilhelmina Cancer Foundation and Melva Croes-Yanez of Aruba Alzheimer's Foundation.

Though all were declared to be Caribbean Queens, a few of the models had officially earned their title as being featured



Candy Rasmijn Reino

artists of the month. Each month, the store singles out a local female artisan producing original, handcrafted jewelry or other accessories; most are unique, one of a kind items. Daphne Ceasario-Lejuez, Candy Rasmijn-Reino, and Elisa Lejuez, modeled some of their creations. Isella Ten Lo-huis acted as model and commentator for the show.

The fashion show ended with noted island dancer Wilma Kuiperi doing her "butterfly dance" while modeling elegant coordinates, complimented by an ultra-feminine "fascinator" decorated with, of course, butterflies!

Aruba's Minister of Social & Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hoooyboer-Winklaar had a front row seat for the show, and Jody asked her very dear friend Bettina Gonzales of Marriott Vacation Club to do the honors of cutting the ribbon. The distinctive shop is found only in Palm Beach Plaza and is open seven days a week.

Rosalie Klein



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## Adorable Holiday Stamps available at Post Aruba



Post Aruba knows it is time to get those holiday greetings in the mail, and have issued their annual commemorative collection of beautiful stamps. This year, the four colorful stamps that will enhance holiday correspondence and cards are by island artist Stephanie Croes. The bright, whimsical works of mini art will be cheerfully welcomed at any home. Post Aruba also has first-day issue ensembles, with all four stamps, and coordinated envelopes and cancellation stamp, an interesting gift or souvenir for any collector.

Holiday greetings can also be sent from Aruba with personalized stamps featuring family photos and a choice of beautiful graphics of island landmarks. It is possible to send a seasonal message from Aruba adorned with a stamp showcasing a family photo. Bring your memory cards to the Palm Beach Plaza office of Post Aruba and it will be digitally inserted into your choice of background. Photos of the family at the actual site of those depicted on the stamps can be created for a most memorable message from

Aruba. The service is only \$10 and yields a sheet of six stamps. This service is only provided at the Palm Beach Plaza post office, which is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00AM until 6:00PM, non-stop. The Palm Beach outlet also has a philately desk for purchasing commemorative stamps.

The main philately desk is within the Post Aruba Headquarters in Oranjestad, across from the San Franciscus Church, which is open from 7:30 AM until noon and from 1:00 PM until 4:30 Monday through Friday.

The holiday issue is not the last commemorative stamps to be published this year. On Thursday, November 15, a series by internationally-renowned Aruban artists Stan Kuiperi, titled "Under Water Exploration" will be released. The final issue of the year will be "Flora" by Angiolina Henriquez, coming out on December 20. For more information on Post Aruba services, branches and hours, visit their website: <http://www.postaruba.com> or their Facebook page.

Rosalie Klein

## Dozens arrested as police break up sham marriage gang

AMSTERDAM -- At least 23 Dutch nationals of Antillean origin and dozens of people in Britain have been arrested on the weekend in an ongoing joint operation to break up a sham marriage ring, the Dutch public prosecution service said.

Sixteen women and seven men were arrested across the Netherlands on suspicion of undergoing sham marriages in England. The arrests are the result of a two-year investigation involving Dutch and British officials as well as Europol.

The probe focused on weddings involving illegal Nige-

rian men and women with Dutch nationality. The women, from the former Dutch Caribbean colonies, were recruited in the Netherlands and flown to Britain to get married.

Once married, the Nigerian grooms had legal residency and access to social security provisions. The women were paid between €2,500 and €3,500 for their role. The men could then also bring in their family under family reunion rules.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Obama hails end of 'decade of war' on Veterans Day

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama marked Veterans Day yesterday by celebrating the fact that America's painful decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan is coming to a close.

Under glorious autumn sunshine, Obama placed a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery in memory of all Americans who died while serving in the military, and thanked their grieving families.

Obama praised the post-September 11 generation of soldiers who came forward after the suicide airliner attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon in 2001, saying they had "stepped into history" by ousting Iraq's Saddam Hussein, taking on the Taliban in Afghanistan and killing Osama

bin Laden in Pakistan.

"Tour after tour, year after year, you and your families have done all that this country has asked -- you've done that and more," he said.

Obama noted his withdrawal of combat troops from Iraq and the gradual drawdown under way from Afghanistan.

"This is the first Veterans Day in a decade in which there are no American troops fighting and dying in Iraq," he said to applause.

And 33,000 US troops have now returned from Afghanistan. The drawdown is expected to be completed in 2014.

"After a decade of war, our heroes are coming home. And over the next few years, more than a million service members will transition back to civilian life," Obama said.

"They'll take off their uniforms and take on a new and lasting role. They will be veterans."

## Guatemala quake toll lowered to 42

GUATEMALA CITY (AFP) - Guatemala's President Otto Perez has lowered to 42 the number of victims killed in a powerful earthquake that toppled homes and cut power this week in several towns in the country's southwest.

The toll is ten fewer than the number officials had originally believed perished in the disaster, which struck on Wednesday.

Some 16,000 people were affected by the 7.4 magnitude quake off Guatemala's Pacific coast, which was this country's most violent seismic event since 1976 when almost 23,000 people perished.

## Threatening emails said to have brought down CIA chief

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The plot surrounding the resignation of CIA chief David Petraeus over an extramarital affair thickened yesterday amid reports that his alleged lover had sent emails to a second woman she viewed as a threat to her love interest.

The affair came to light as the FBI was investigating whether a computer used by Petraeus -- a married father of two -- had been compromised, the New York Times and other US media reported, citing government officials.

NBC News and other media reported the Federal Bureau of Investigation was focusing on Paula Broadwell, co-author of a favorable biography of Petraeus, for possible improper access to classified information.

Unnamed officials told the Times that Petraeus's lover was Broadwell, a former Army major who spent long periods interviewing Petraeus for her book.

Broadwell, who is married herself and has two small children, offered no public comment on the revelations.

The Times and The Washington Post, citing an official

briefed on the case, reported Saturday that the probe had been triggered by "harassing" emails sent by Broadwell to an unidentified second woman.

The recipient of the emails was so frightened, The Post reported, that she went to the FBI for protection and to help track down the sender.

According to the Post, the second woman did not work at the CIA and her relationship with Petraeus remains unclear. However, the e-mails indicated that Broadwell perceived her as a threat to her relationship with the top spymaster, the paper said.

While Obama praised Petraeus as he acknowledged his departure, there was no denying it added to his headache over the makeup of his future administration, already expected to lose heavyweights such as Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Obama had no inkling Petraeus was about to leave until Thursday morning and refused to accept his resignation straight away, the New York Times reported.

"He was surprised, and he was disappointed," the Times quoted one senior administra-

tion official as saying. "You don't expect to hear that the Thursday after you were re-elected."

According to the paper, White House officials were only informed of the matter late Wednesday, a day after the election.

A senior intelligence official told the Times that US director of national intelligence James Clapper learned of the situation on Tuesday and had told Petraeus that "the right thing to do" would be to resign.

His deputy Michael Morell will serve as acting CIA director, and is expected to fill in for Petraeus at an upcoming congressional hearing about the CIA's alleged failure to protect a US consulate in Libya from a deadly September 11 attack that left four Americans dead, including Ambassador Chris Stevens.

One name being floated as a possible Petraeus replacement is John Brennan, the White House counter-terrorism adviser and a CIA veteran who has played an instrumental role in Obama's drone war against Al-Qaeda militants.

## 13 killed in strong Myanmar quake

SHWEDO, Myanmar (AFP) - A powerful earthquake which hit Myanmar yesterday killed at least 13 people, injured dozens and sparked panic in the major central city of Mandalay, residents and aid workers said.

The shallow 6.8-magnitude quake struck in a rural area 116 kilometers (72 miles) north of Mandalay followed by a series of aftershocks, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

Another strong quake with a magnitude of 5.8 shook the same region late yesterday, it added. The tremor was felt by an AFP team near the town of Shwedo, which is north of



Mandalay and close to the epicenter of the earlier quake.

There was no immediate in-

formation on whether the latest quake caused further deaths or major damage.

## Obama wins Florida

MIAMI (AFP) - President Barack Obama has won Florida's 29 electoral votes, further fattening his substantial margin of victory over Mitt Romney in what had been predicted to be a close White House race.

The Sunshine State was the last to report its tally from the November 6 election, in which Obama won a second term, defeating his Republican rival Romney.

With Florida's electoral college votes now in the Democratic incumbent's column, the final total was 332 for Obama, against 206 for Romney.

Obama earned 50 percent of the vote to Romney's 49.1 percent -- about 74,000 more votes among more than eight million ballots cast, according to county tallies provided to the state before a noon (1700 GMT) Saturday deadline.





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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Israel 'prepared to escalate' over Gaza violence

JERUSALEM (AFP) - Israel is "prepared to escalate" its response to Palestinian rocket fire, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned yesterday, after 24 hours of violence along its border with the Gaza Strip.

"The army is acting and will act forcefully against the terror organisations in the Gaza Strip. They are receiving strong blows from the army," Netanyahu told a meeting of his cabinet.

"The world must realise that Israel won't sit by idly in the face of attempts to attack us. We are prepared to escalate our actions," he said.

The flare-up erupted on Saturday evening when Gaza militants fired an anti-tank missile at an Israeli jeep along the Gaza border, injuring four soldiers, one of them severely. Three remained in hospital yesterday.

Israel retaliated with air strikes, shelling and artillery fire that killed six Palestinians and wounded 35 by last night.

Palestinian militants fired at least 85 rockets into southern Israel, leaving four injured in the Israeli border town of Sderot. Two rockets were intercepted by Israel's missile defence system Iron Dome.

The outbreak of violence was one of the most serious

since Israel's devastating 22-day operation in the Gaza Strip over New Year 2009, and raised the spectre of a broad Israeli operation against the Palestinian territory.

"It's a very severe situation, rockets are landing on our towns and villages, almost on a daily basis and of course no democratic country can tolerate such a thing," said Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz, a Netanyahu confidant.

"If this will proceed, we will consider a much stronger and massive retaliation in order to protect our citizens."

US ambassador Dan Shapiro, writing on Facebook, said American "thoughts are with the residents of southern Israel, who continue to be bombarded with missile attacks from terrorist organizations in Gaza."

"The United States supports Israel's right to defend itself and its citizens from these attacks," he said.

### Venice flooded as 200 evacuated in Tuscany

VENICE (AFP) - Floodwaters drenched most of the tourist destination of Venice and led to the evacuation of 200 people in Tuscany, as bad weather hit northern Italy at the weekend, authorities said yesterday.

In Venice itself, heavy rains and winds from the south triggered "acqua alta" (high water) and 70 percent of the city was flooded, with sea levels reaching a peak of 1.5 meters (five feet) above normal before receding slightly, they said.

In Tuscany, around 200 people were evacuated because of heavy rains which flooded homes and caused

mudslides, local officials said.

The most affected region was the province of Massa and Carrara, which produces the famous Carrara marble.

The authorities have urged the local population to avoid going into the streets and to stay in the the upper floors of their homes.

In Pisa, some streets have been without electricity following the floods. In the large Tuscan port of Livorno, civil defence forces were on alert because of the heavy rains.

In Liguria, the region bordering Tuscany, 30 people had to be evacuated.



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### Calls for BBC overhaul after chief quits in abuse row

the resignation of its chief executive in a sex abuse row.

Director-general George Entwistle quit on Saturday night, just 54 days into the job, after the flagship BBC program Newsnight admitted it had wrongly implicated a politician in abuse at a Welsh children's home.

His departure leaves the organisation in chaos as it struggles to restore trust in its journalism and battles the scandal surrounding Jimmy Savile, the late BBC television star now alleged to have been a prolific child sex offender.

Chris Patten, the chairman of the BBC Trust, said there must now be a "thorough, structural, radical overhaul" of the way the BBC was run, although he said he would not be quitting over the row.

The allegations against Savile, who died last year aged 84, and the botched Newsnight report have left the BBC facing one of the most serious crises of its 90-year history.

"The wholly exceptional events of the past few weeks have led me to conclude that the BBC should appoint a new leader," Entwistle said in a statement on Saturday.

"To have been the director-general of the BBC even for a short period, and in the most challenging of circumstances, has been a great honour."

The announcement came the day after Newsnight was forced to apologise for wrongly implicating a senior Conservative party figure in abuse at a Welsh children's home in the 1970s.

The director-general admitted he had no knowledge of the show before it was aired, in itself a source of criticism, but said quitting was "the honourable thing to do" since he was ultimately responsible for all the BBC's output.

He has been replaced by Tim Davie, a former Pepsi executive who is currently the BBC's director of audio and music, while the BBC Trust

finds a more permanent replacement.

A major police investigation is currently underway into claims that Savile abused up to 300 children over a 40-year period, including on BBC premises.

The probe has so far resulted in the arrests of former glam rocker Gary Glitter and comedian Freddie Starr, while a third unnamed man in his 70s was arrested yesterday and subsequently bailed.

Amid outcry at how Savile could have got away with it for so long, the BBC has also launched its own inquiries into the scandal.

Patten said he was keen to see these through, as well as the urgent review Entwistle had ordered into the Newsnight fiasco.

"My job is to make sure that we learn the lessons of those inquiries and that we restore confidence and trust in the BBC," he said.



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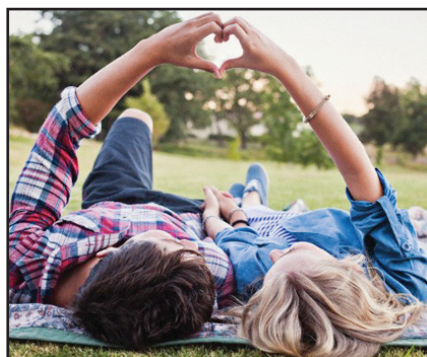


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## HEALTH & LIVING

### Fifth of US youth with HIV unaware during first-time sex



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Twenty percent of young people born with HIV in the United States don't know they're infected when they have sex for the first time, according to a new study released recently.

#### Denmark to scrap world's first fat tax

COPENHAGEN (AFP) - Denmark said this past weekend it would scrap a fat tax it introduced a little over a year ago in a world first, saying the measure was costly and failed to change Danes' eating habits.

"The fat tax and the extension of the chocolate tax -- the so-called sugar tax -- has been criticised for increasing prices for consumers, increasing companies' administrative costs and putting Danish jobs at risk," the Danish tax ministry said in a statement. "At the same time it is believed that the fat tax has, to a lesser extent, contributed to Danes travelling across the border to make purchases," it added.

According to the Danish National Health and Medicines Authority, 47 percent of Danes are overweight and 13 percent are obese.

The study, which appeared in the Clinical Infectious Diseases journal, also found that most of the juveniles who were aware of their status said they did not tell their partners before becoming intimate.

In addition, a majority of these sexually active HIV-positive youth reported some sex without condom use.

"Our findings show that these young people act very much like their HIV-negative counterparts across the country," said Rohan Hazra of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

"However, because of their HIV status, it is extremely important for health care providers, school counselors and family members to reinforce the importance of practicing safe sex, taking medication regularly and dis-

closing HIV status to potential partners."

The study consisted of 330 HIV-positive 10- to 18-year-olds who were given computer-guided questionnaires. It is being billed as the first to comprehensively examine factors linked to the initiation of sexual activity among young people born with HIV.

On average, participants of the study who had initiated sexual activity reported having their first sexual experience at the age of 14. A third indicated that they had been honest about their HIV status with their first partner.

According to the study, 62 percent of those who were sexually active said they had sex at least once without the use of a condom. It also found that youngsters who did not take anti-HIV drugs on a regular basis were more likely to initiate sex than those who did so as prescribed.



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### Health benefits of POMGRANATE

Pomegranate juice is often touted for its health benefits because, in some clinical studies, it has been shown to be of significant benefit, especially in the prevention of heart disease. An 8-ounce (236.5 ml) glass can contain about 40% of



the US Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) of vitamin C, although many brands available in stores contain little or none because it is destroyed during pasteurization. The juice may also include vitamins A, E, and folic acid, although again this depends on its source. Further, pomegranate juice has excellent antioxidant properties. It has about three times more antioxidants ounce-for-ounce than does red wine or green tea. Many people also enjoy its rich taste, making it a welcome beverage.

Some research has shown that this juice may work as a blood thinner, and it may be an excellent agent for promoting blood flow to the heart. It also has been shown to reduce plaque in the arteries, and to raise "good" levels of cholesterol while helping lower "bad" cholesterol. This preliminary research suggests that the juice may be helpful in preventing heart disease, heart attacks and stroke. Most medical professionals are quick to point out that consuming pomegranate products should be just one aspect of a healthy diet and exercise program. Alone, it would not cure or completely prevent heart disease.

Some research has also evaluated the antioxidant nature of pomegranate juice and its usefulness in fighting certain forms of cancer. The juice has been tentatively shown to reduce incidence of breast and skin cancer. It has also been tested and shown to slow the growth of prostate cancer in mice.



## SCI-TECH

## HTC and Apple reach global settlement



TAIPEI (AFP) - Taiwan's leading smartphone maker HTC said Sunday it has reached a global settlement with technology giant Apple, bringing an end to all outstanding litigation between the two companies.

The deal includes a 10-year licensing agreement over patents, HTC said in a statement, without providing further details.

"HTC is pleased to have resolved its dispute with Apple, so HTC can focus on innovation instead of litigation," HTC CEO Peter Chou said in the statement.

Apple CEO Tim Cook said: "We are glad to have reached a settlement with HTC."

"We will continue to stay laser focused on product innovation."

HTC and Apple were locked in more than 20 cases in the world including some pending the ruling of the International Trade Commission of the United States, accord-

ing to an HTC official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Technology giants have taken to routinely pounding one another with patent lawsuits. Apple has accused HTC and other smartphone makers using Google's Android mobile operating system of infringing on Apple-held patents.

"This is definitely a positive element to HTC, especially when it is being knocked by poor sales," Mars Hsu of Grand Cathay Securities told AFP.

"Unlike the lawsuits between Apple and Samsung focusing on the alleged infringement of iPhone outlook, the suits with HTC are more related to alleged technology infringements," he said.

### Fault under Japan nuclear plant 'may be active'

TOKYO (AFP) - Japan's only working nuclear power plant sits on what may be a seismic fault in the earth's crust, a geologist has warned, saying it is "very silly" to allow it to continue operating.

Mitsuhiro Watanabe says the earth's plates could move under the Oi nuclear plant in western Japan, causing a catastrophe to rival last year's atomic disaster at Fukushima - although some of his colleagues on a nuclear advisory panel disagree.

"It is an active fault. The plates shifted some 120,000 to 130,000 years ago for sure," Watanabe, of Tokyo's Toyo University, told AFP.

"In research that I have conducted on active faults in Japan and overseas, structures built above them were all damaged" when they moved and caused an earthquake, he said. Under government guidelines atomic installations cannot be sited on a fault -- the meeting place of two or more of the plates that make up the earth's crust -- if it is still classed as active, that is, one that is known to have moved within the last 130,000 years.

A positive finding would mean regulators must order the suspension of operations at the plant in Fukui prefecture.

But other scientists on the panel say it is too early to class it as an "active" fault that might pose a risk to the plant, calling for "a scientifically calm approach".

## Planet outside our solar system may support life: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A newly-discovered alien planet seven times bigger than Earth may be able to support life, astronomers wrote in a study appearing in the journal "Astronomy and Astrophysics."

The planet, dubbed HD 40307g, is one of only a few to be discovered in the "habitable zone": a sweet spot, neither too close or too far from its sun, where liquid water could exist.

The so-called "super-

Earth" orbits its star -- HD 40307, a dwarf just slightly smaller, cooler and less bright than our Sun -- every 200 days.

It is relatively close to the solar-system neighborhood, just 42 light years away. A light year is equivalent to about 9,460 billion kilometers.

"The star HD 40307 is a perfectly quiet old dwarf star, so there is no reason why such a planet could not sustain an Earth-like climate," said astronomer Guillem

Anglada-Escude of the University of Goettingen in Germany.

The next step is to use powerful telescopes to study the planet more closely.

A large number of observations will be necessary to confirm any other similarities with Earth, the astronomers said.

The study noted that the distance between the planet and its star is similar to that between the Earth and the Sun and that it is likely the planet rotates on its axis, which would create a day and night cycle like ours.

So far, some 846 planets have been found outside our solar system since 1995, using high-powered equipment, most notably the Kepler telescope, launched in March 2009 to search for Earth-like planets.

The study can be seen online at the site [arxiv.org/archive/astro-ph](http://arxiv.org/archive/astro-ph).

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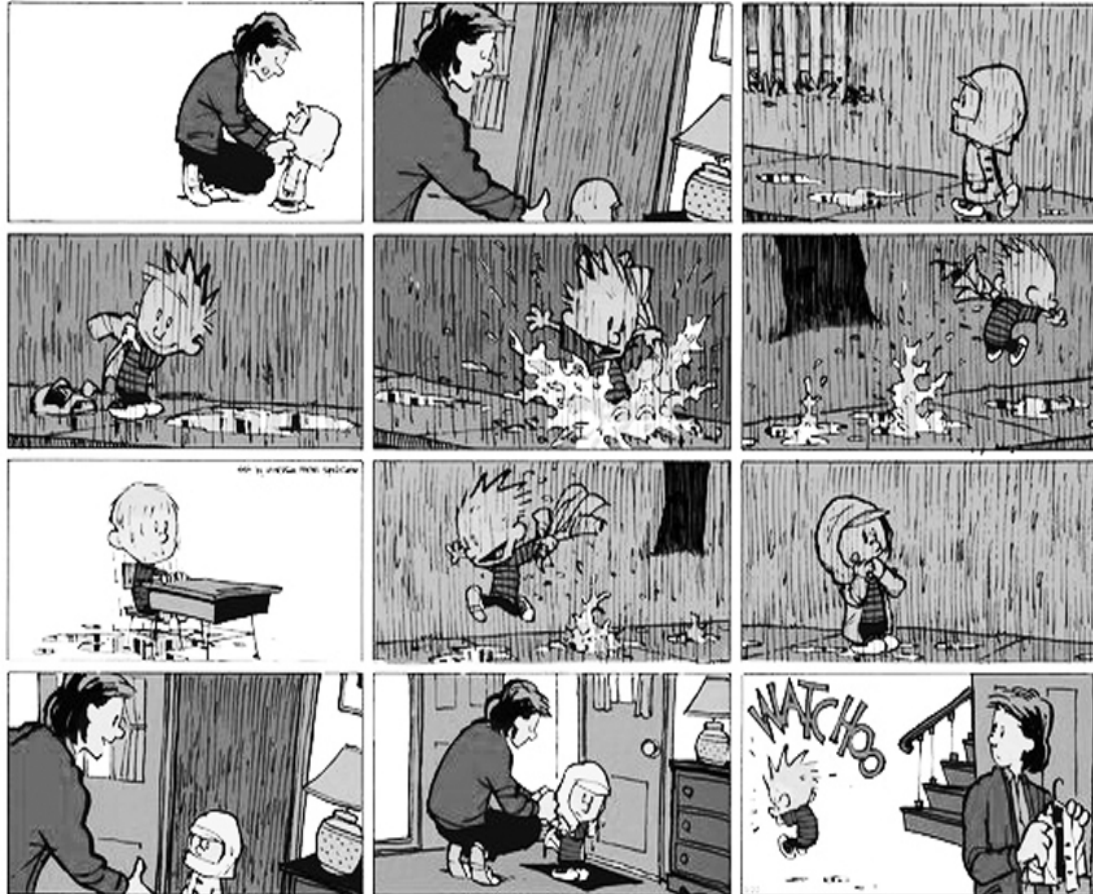
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6. Hit high
9. Bowe setup
12. "Cavalleria Rusticana," e.g.
13. Onassis's nickname
14. Catholic christening phrase
15. Dr. Adams of "Gunsmoke"
16. Albee play, with "The"
18. Contract supplements
20. Ernesto Guevara
23. Mal de \_\_\_\_
24. Avails oneself of
28. "Norma \_\_\_\_"
29. In addition
31. Wine bouquet
32. Wayward
34. Discerning
36. Viking name
37. Singer-composer Paul
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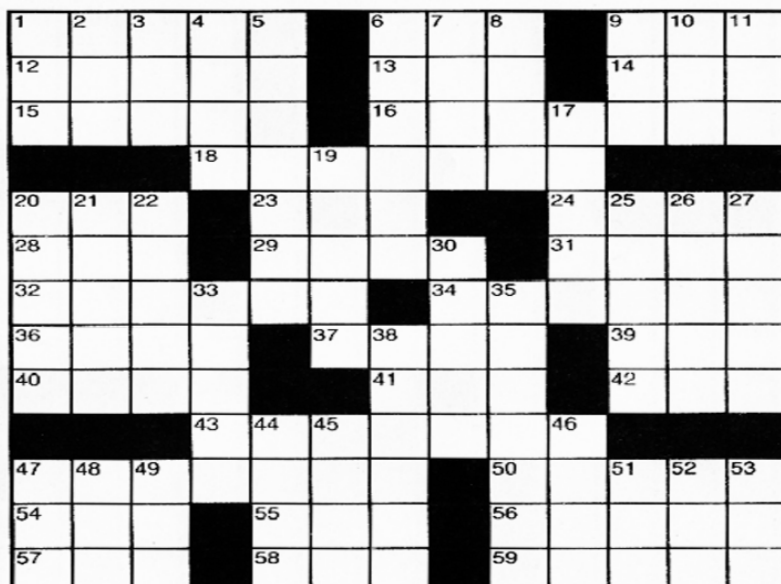
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58. Part of PPM
59. Viscid

## DOWN

1. Canine
2. \_\_\_\_ tree
3. Director Brooks
4. Surface measure
5. "Mister \_\_\_\_" (#1 hit of

## 1954)

6. Powerful beams
7. Mediterranean port
8. Sticky wicket
9. Genoa
10. Excitement
11. Spar
17. Intimidate
19. River mouth
20. Religious belief
21. "The Trouble with \_\_\_\_"
22. Unearthly
25. Carolina or Dakota
26. First name in cosmetics
27. Squalid
30. Like the bucket of song
33. Stinging, as smoke
35. Ballast provider
38. Not as unkempt
44. Hog food
45. Rich vein
46. Han or Napoleon
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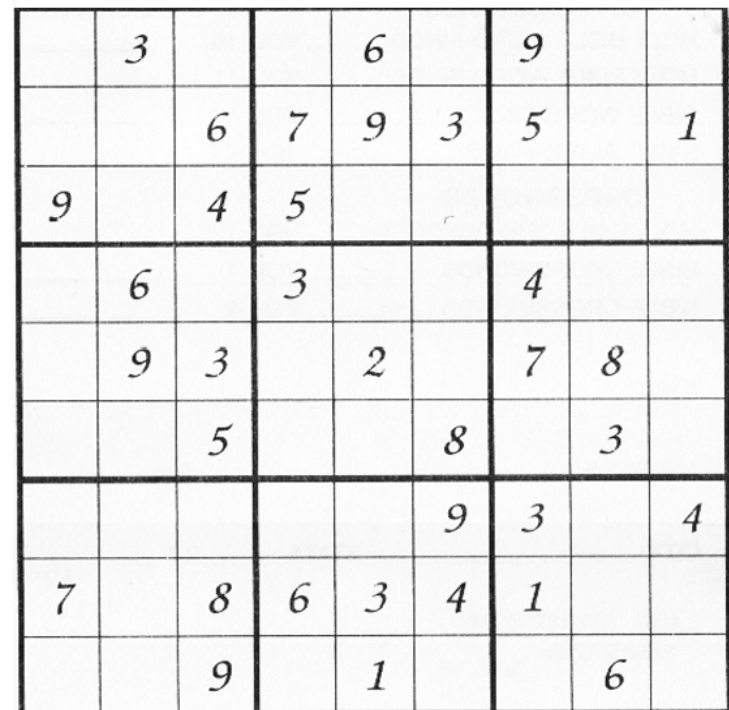
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## Pressure on multinationals accused of avoiding British tax

LONDON (AFP) - Pressure is mounting on multinationals, notably Google and Starbucks, to justify the amount of tax they are paying in Britain amid accusations that the levels are far too low.

According to figures cited by Conservative MP Charlie Elphicke, Google paid only £3.4 million (\$5.4 million, 4.2 million euros) in British corporation tax last year on revenues totalling about £2.5 billion, while Starbucks did not pay a penny on sales worth £400 million.

Starbucks has confirmed not paying any corporation taxes in Britain for the past three years owing to fees paid to other areas of its business, such as royalty payments for the use of its brand.

This resulted in the com-

pany posting a series of losses and not having to pay any corporation tax.

British finance minister George Osborne and his German counterpart Wolfgang Schäuble called in a joint statement for "concerted international cooperation to strengthen international standards for corporate tax regimes."

However, Chancellor of the Exchequer Osborne also insisted that those strong standards must not deter large international companies from making vital investments.

Google has come under closer scrutiny in several European nations where cash-strapped governments are increasingly wary of being shortchanged on tax revenue.

According to a newspaper report in France, French tax au-

thorities have made a billion-euro (\$1.3 billion) claim against Google over financial transfers between an Google holding company in Ireland and its French unit.

Google France told AFP this week that it had received no such tax claim, and that it complies with tax laws in all the countries in which it operates.

In Britain meanwhile, business minister Vince Cable used an interview with The Guardian newspaper on Tuesday to attack multinationals who exploit tax loopholes to reduce their bills.

"At times of hardship, when tens of thousands of British companies are paying their basic tax, to discover that leading multinationals are getting away with it is not acceptable," Cable said.

## Spain bank halts evictions after second suicide

MADRID (AFP) - A Spanish savings bank halted all homeowner evictions at the weekend after a ruined client threw herself out of a window to her death, unleashing anti-bank protests in the streets.

The decision by Kutxabank, a lender in the northern Basque Country, was unprecedented in Spain, where banks and homeowners have been fi-

nancially crushed by a 2008 property crash.

It was the second suicide linked to the eviction of a financially distressed homeowner in 15 days.

Right-leaning Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy promised on Friday to offer proposals to ease the pressure on homeowners today in talks with the opposition Socialists.



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Netherlands	EUR	224.04	226.09	228.36
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## FINANCE

### German companies brace for difficult 2013

FRANKFURT (AFP) - Europe is in recession, but the majority of companies in Germany, the region's top economy, are continuing to defy the crisis, with strong and often better-than-expected results in the third quarter.

Nevertheless, the clouds are gathering above Germany too, and the chill winds from the global downturn are set to blow even harder here next year, causing companies to tighten their belts for what promises to be a difficult year.

While their strong overseas presence has helped shield German companies from the worst of the downturn in Europe so far, the prospect of an economic slowdown in China and an only tepid recovery in the United States is sending shivers through export-orientated German industry.

Last week, industrial giant Siemens, one of Germany's biggest companies, unveiled plans to slash costs by 6.0 billion euros (\$7.7 billion) over the next two years.

Other companies are also trying to reduce overhead.

At the end of October, auto giant Daimler said it would aim to slash costs in its car division by 2.0 billion euros between now and the end of 2014.

In the banking sector, which is feeling the financial freeze more than most as low interest rates and tougher banking rules eat into profits, the winds blowing through the corridors of the country's two biggest lenders, Deutsche Bank and Commerzbank, are also raw.

Deutsche Bank is planning to cut costs by an annual 4.5 billion euros by 2015 and 1,900 jobs in the investment banking division are already facing the chop.

Media reports say Commerzbank, too, which is planning to focus on its core retail banking business, could be readying to axe around 10 percent of its workforce.

BASF, the world's biggest chemicals maker, is looking to save 1.0 billion euros by the end of 2015.



**DETROIT--** Ford workers assemble a C-MAX hybrid vehicle at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne, Michigan. The plant is the only one in the world that builds vehicles with five different fuel efficient powertrains on the same line. (AFP)

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## Blanchett given honorary Australian doctorate



SYDNEY (AFP) - Oscar-winning Hollywood actress Cate Blanchett has received an honorary doctorate from Sydney Uni-

versity for her services to the arts as director of the city's flagship theatre company, reports said Sunday.

Blanchett, 43, received the doctor of letters in a ceremony at the university's Great Hall on Saturday, according to media reports. "This means a great deal (to) me as someone who didn't complete my arts degree at Melbourne University -- I left to go to NIDA (the National Institute of Dramatic Art)," Blanchett told the Sun-Herald newspaper.

Blanchett and her playwright husband Andrew Upton are credited with turning around the Sydney Theatre Company's finances during their tenure, which began in 2008 and expires at the end of 2013.

She and Upton announced in January that they would step down as co-artistic directors and CEOs at the end of next year due to Blanchett's overseas film commitments and the pressure of three young children.

## Spanish Bond baddie Bardem gets Hollywood star



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Spanish actor Javier Bardem, who plays the villain in the latest 007 movie, got his own star on the storied Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The Oscar-winning star was joined by director Sam Mendes, who lavished praise on him, while Bardem paid tribute to British fellow cast member Daniel Craig in his latest turn as James Bond.

"You will not be disappointed. The great Sam Mendes has done an amazing

movie... Daniel Craig is, as you know, an extraordinary," he told reporters at the star-unveiling ceremony on Hollywood Boulevard.

Bardem was the first Spaniard to be nominated for an Academy Award and the first to win one, for best sup-

porting actor in the 2007 film "No Country for Old Men."

Married to actress Penelope Cruz, he got his first English-speaking role in "Before Night Falls" by director Julian Schnabel in 2000, and has since made his mark firmly on the big screen internationally.

## Garland's Wizard of Oz dress sells for \$480,000



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The blue and white gingham dress worn by Judy Garland in "The Wizard of Oz" in 1939 was auctioned Saturday in Beverly Hills for \$480,000, Julien's auction house announced. The dress worn by the singer of "Over the Rainbow", then aged 17, was sold through a special auction of Hollywood collectibles and memorabilia.

### 'Grrr!'

**Rolling Stones release greatest hits**

PARIS (AFP) - The Rolling Stones recently released a greatest hits album titled "Grrr!" featuring two new tracks recorded over the summer in Paris, as fans count down to a string of 50th-anniversary concerts. "Grrr!" will be released in several formats, including 50- and 80-track box sets, featuring such classics as "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction", "Jumpin' Jack Flash" or "Honky Tonk Women". They have announced four major concerts in Britain and the United States to mark the anniversary. But they have run into criticism from fans over the ticket prices, with London seats costing hundreds of pounds (euros/dollars) on the official website, and tickets appearing on re-sale websites for more than £13,000 each.

The Rolling Stones play London's O2 Arena on November 25 and 29, followed by gigs at New Jersey's Newark Prudential Center, just outside New York, on December 13 and 15.

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-- No foray to Oranjestad is complete without a stop to refresh and refuel at Lecca Lecca, the stylish "Gelato Shoppe" located right in the main bus terminal. This adorable eatery sports a menu that reflects the passion of its owner, Milly Lacle, for "healthy, natural foods, for a healthy body."

The idea of a sweet treat being good for you is contrary to everything we are being told today, but Milly did her homework before establishing her gelato and sorbetto factory on the second floor. Her recipes come from a respected gelato house in Italy, where they have been producing the refreshing, low or no fat product since the 1800's. She continues the tradition of using only fresh fruit juices and natural extracts to as flavoring.

There are absolutely no artificial colorants or preservatives in the gelato and sorbetto, which is produced fresh daily; leftovers at the end of the day are donated to children's homes Casa Cuna or Imeldahoff.

They have over 60 flavors on their roster with 18 available at the shop each day, including at least one sugar-free and one-gluten free for those with special dietary needs. All the gelato is made from organic milk flown in from Italy, guaranteed free of steroids and antibiotics. Lecca Lecca



**Tutti frutti a blend of fresh exotic fruits**

pasteurizes the milk in their factory, to be sure there are no chemicals used in the process. The end product is whipped light and fluffy naturally, producing a satisfying treat drastically lower in fat, sugar and calories than traditional ice cream.

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Lecca Lecca offers an attractive lunch menu including



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## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when

complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services pro-

gram. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

**Visit their website: [www.goldcoastaruba.com](http://www.goldcoastaruba.com) for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.**



## SPORTS

# Lazio, Napoli win as Milan, Roma stung

ROME (AFP) - Stuttering Lazio relaunched their Serie A campaign by dominating Roma 3-1 in a rain-lashed Rome derby, as high-flying Fiorentina piled the pressure on AC Milan and Napoli fought back to beat Genoa 4-2 on Sunday.

Inter Milan had a chance to close the gap on leaders Juventus to just a point when they faced Atalanta away in Sunday's late match.

But the battle behind the two favourites for this season's scudetto gathered pace as both Lazio and Napoli made up for recent setbacks.

Roma got the perfect start when midfielder Erik Lamela sneaked in behind Lazio's defence to head a corner past Federico Marchetti at the back post.

Heavy downpours ensued, making play difficult, but Lazio weathered the storm to get back on level terms in the 35th minute.

Antonio Candreva stepped up for a freekick and hit a piledriver from 35 yards that rocketed past the defensive wall and beat Mauro Goicoechea in the Roma net.

Germany international Miroslav Klose then made amends for a miss moments earlier when he latched on to a pass-shot from Brazilian Hernanes to beat Goicoechea from close range to level.

Roma were stung minutes into the second half when Daniele De Rossi was given a straight red card for a punch-slap to the face of Stefano Mauri as the pair tussled in the area.

Mauri doubled Roma's

agony when he pounced on a defensive mistake to put Lazio 3-1 up.

Roma fought back and reduced arrears in spectacular style when Miralem Pjanic hit a long-range freekick in the 90th minute which beat retreating 'keeper Marchetti - but it proved too little too late.

Napoli, meanwhile, cemented third spot after a valiant fight back from Ciro Immobile's 23rd minute opener for Genoa took them to a 4-2 win.

Fiorentina maintained their purple patch with a deserved 3-1 victory over AC Milan at the San Siro.

Former Liverpool midfielder Alberto Aquilani opened the scoring for La Viola, and Milan missed a chance to go level when Alexandre Pato sent a penalty over the crossbar after he had been fouled in the box.

Fiorentina doubled their lead on 38 minutes thanks to Borja Valero, and although Giampaolo Pazzini grabbed a consolation goal on the hour Fiorentina prevailed to stay fourth on 24 points as Milan's sixth defeat of the season leaves the Rossoneri languishing in 13th on 14 points.

Torino grabbed a precious 1-0 win at home to struggling Bologna while Parma and Siena shared a scoreless draw.

Udinese's solid start to the campaign continued when they grabbed a precious 2-2 draw away to Chievo thanks to Gabriele Angella's second goal of the match in injury time.

## Dutch League results

### Sunday:

Vitesse Arnhem 0 FC Twente 0

Feyenoord 5 Roda JC 2

FC Zwolle 2 Ajax 4

PSV Eindhoven 5 SC

Heerenveen 1

### Saturday

RKC Waalwijk 4 FC Utrecht 0

VVV Venlo 4 Willem II 1

ADO Den Haag 2 AZ Alkmaar 2

NEC Nijmegen 3 Heracles 2

### Friday

NAC Breda 0 FC Groningen 1

## Wolfsburg show their teeth to stun Leverkusen

BERLIN (AFP) - Bayer Leverkusen missed going third in the Bundesliga on Sunday as they suffered a shock 3-1 defeat at VfL Wolfsburg while league leaders Bayern Munich are out on their own, according to their rivals.

Wolfsburg scored three goals in 33 electrifying minutes at home as Brazil midfielder Diego floated in a free-kick after four minutes, then converted a chance on 16 minutes.

Dutchman Bas Dost then

drilled in Marcel Schaefer's cross on 33 minutes to leave Leverkusen on the ropes and give Wolves' caretaker coach Lorenz-Guenther Koestner his second league win since Felix Magath left the club last month.

Ex-Germany striker Stefan Kiessling showed national coach Joachim Loew what he is missing with a consolation goal in the 91st minute for Leverkusen, his seventh goal of the season in 11 games.

"It was a disaster in the first half, it has to be said,"



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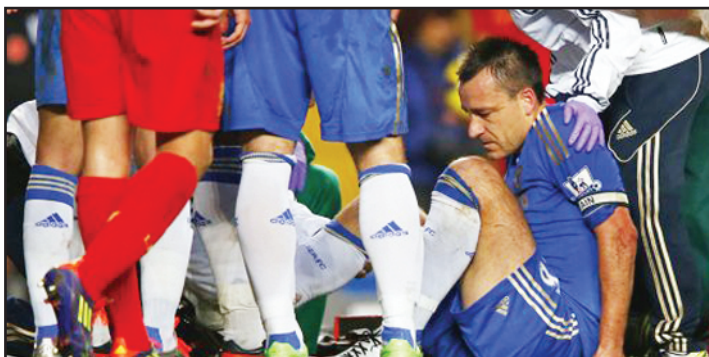
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## Woe for Terry as Chelsea held, City go second



LONDON (AFP) - John Terry scored a goal on his comeback but went off injured as Chelsea drew 1-1 with Liverpool on Sunday, allowing Manchester City to go second in the Premier League by beating Tottenham Hotspur.

Terry was making his re-


turn after a four-game domestic ban for racially abusing Queens Park Rangers defender Anton Ferdinand last season, and he broke the deadlock against Liverpool with a 20th-minute header.

However, 19 minutes later he left the fray on a stretcher, his head in his hands, follow-

ing a collision with Luis Suarez, who added insult to injury by scoring the visitors' equaliser with 17 minutes to play.

The result left the European champions three points behind leaders Manchester United and one point below City, who came from behind to win 2-1 at home to Spurs thanks to an 88th-minute winner from substitute Edin Dzeko.

In the day's other game, Kevin Nolan returned to haunt former club Newcastle United by scoring the only goal of the game as West Ham United won 1-0 at St James' Park to climb into the top six.




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## Teen Manassero wins dramatic Singapore play-off



SINGAPORE (AFP) - Italian teenager Matteo Manassero holed a 12-foot eagle putt on the third play-off hole to

claim a dramatic victory over South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen at the Barclays Singapore Open on Sunday.

In his first ever play-off, Manassero showed steel beyond his 19 years as he matched the 2010 British Open winner with birdie and par on the first two extra holes and then nervelessly downed the winner at a packed Sentosa Golf Club.

In denying Oosthuizen, Manassero also clinched this season's European money title for world number one Rory McIlroy, making him only the second man to win the merit race on both sides of the Atlantic in the same year.

It settled a marathon final day for the \$6 million tournament after storm delays earlier in the week meant Manassero had to play 36 holes in Singapore's tropical heat on Sunday.

"It's been an extremely long day," said Manassero after the \$1 million win, the biggest of his career following the 2010 Castello Masters and last year's Malaysian Open.

"The adrenaline kept me going and the key I think was starting really well this morning... and the play-off was a great honour. It's the first play-off of my career, it's been amazing."

Manassero, who in 2010 became the youngest man to make the cut at the Masters and was crowned the European Tour's youngest ever winner, is now also the youngest champion in the Singapore Open's 51-year history.

## Saints ends Falcons winning streak



New Orleans Saints tight end Jimmy Graham (80) pulls in a touchdown reception in the first half an NFL football game against the Atlanta Falcons at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans, Sunday. The Saints went on to beat the Falcons 31-27, ending hopes of a perfect season in Atlanta, defeating their NFC South rivals for the first time.

## Klitschko leaves coach question open after Wach win

HAMBURG, Germany (AFP) - World heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko has left open the question of who will coach him in the future, following his unanimous points victory over challenger Mariusz Wach of Poland on Saturday. The 36-year-old earned the 59th victory of his career after going 12 rounds with the previously unbeaten Wach with US heavyweight Johnathon Banks in his corner.

Banks, 30, stepped in for Klitschko's former coach Emanuel Steward, who died on October 25 aged 68 in his hometown of Detroit after surgery for cancer.

Klitschko had been coached by Steward since 2004, but the Ukrainian said no decision had been made about who would coach him for his next title fight with Russia's Alexander Povetkin

his likely opponent early in 2013.

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Elsewhere in the boxing world, Mexico's unbeaten Abner Mares retained his World Boxing Council super bantamweight title Saturday with a unanimous decision over Panama's Anselmo Moreno at the Staples Center.

Mares, keen to keep World Boxing Association bantamweight world champion Moreno from finding his groove, attacked relentlessly and sent the challenger to the canvas in the fifth round -- the first time Moreno had been knocked down in his career.

Two judges scored it 116-110 and the third saw it 120-106 for Mares, a former bantamweight world champion who was making the first defence of the belt he claimed with a unanimous decision over Eric Morel in El Paso, Texas, in April.

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## Lakers look at luring Jackson back as coach



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The Los Angeles Lakers are apparently seeking to make their fans' fondest wishes come true and talking to Hall of Fame coach Phil Jackson about their vacant coaching job.

An article posted on the NBA team's website was one of many reports Saturday saying Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak and executive vice president Jim Buss had met with Jackson and had agreed to talk again in coming days.

The underachieving Lakers sacked coach Mike Brown on Friday, with assistant coach Bernie Bickerstaff stepping in as interim coach.

The team's 101-77 victory over the Golden State Warriors on Friday night was still in the third quarter when fans launched into "We Want Phil" chants.

"Who is Phil?" quipped Bickerstaff of the former Lakers coach who guided Chicago to six NBA titles and the Lakers to five NBA crowns before retiring in 2011.

Kupchak had indicated Friday that the Lakers' search for a coach would include checking in with Jackson.

"When there's a coach like Phil Jackson, one of the all-time greats, and he's not coaching, we would be negligent not to know he's out there," Kupchak said.

By Saturday, Jackson was reported to be the front-runner for the job of melding Lakers stalwart Kobe Bryant and high profile new arrivals Steve Nash and Dwight Howard into a championship team.

"It's Phil's job to turn down," an unnamed source told ESPNLosAngeles.com.

The Los Angeles Times also reported that the job is Jackson's if he wants it.

However, the newspaper said that until Jackson renders a decision on whether to un-retire and the two sides make a deal the team will continue the search process. Former NBA coaches Mike D'Antoni, Nate McMillan and Mike Dunleavy are among the potential candi-

dates, the Times reported.

Jackson, a Hall-of-Famer since 2007, retired in May of 2011 after the Dallas Mavericks swept Los Angeles from the playoffs to end a Lakers season that Jackson had said would be his last.

He departed with a record 11 titles as a coach and only 10 post-season series defeats.

He won six championships with Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls, three with Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal leading the Lakers, and two with a Lakers team led by Bryant.

He had held on for the 2010-11 season to chase a three-peat, although he'd indicated he was disenchanted with the grind of the NBA season.

## Messi surpasses Pele tally as Barca win at Mallorca



MADRID (AFP) - Lionel Messi struck twice as leaders Barcelona survived a second-half spellof pressure at Mallorca to win 4-2 and strengthen their position at the top of La Liga on Sunday.

Xavi Hernandez, Messi and Cristian Tello got first-

half goals for the Catalans before Victor Casadesus and Michael Pereira reduced the lead after the interval.

Messi then hit his fifteenth in the league to wrap up the game and make it 76 goals now in 2012, beating Pele's tally of 75 from 1958 and taking him to within nine of Gerd Muller's all time record total of 85 set in 1972.

The win increases Barca's lead to six points at the top.

Barca made five changes from the side that had lost 2-1 to Celtic in the Champions League on Wednesday, with Gerard Pique, Cesc Fabregas, Sergio Busquets, David Villa and Tello all starting.

## Djokovic, Federer reach final

LONDON (AFP) - Novak Djokovic cut giant Argentine Juan Martin del Potro down to size as the world number one battled into the final of the ATP Tour Finals with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory on Sunday.

Djokovic will play defending champion Roger Federer in today's final after coming from a set and a break down to topple the 6ft 6in former US Open cham-

pion in a gruelling semi-final clash lasting two hours and 11 minutes at London's O2 Arena.

After another impressive season, which will end with Djokovic the world's top ranked player for the second successive year, the Serb now has a chance to cap his campaign by taking the title at the season-ending event for the second time.

The 25-year-old won the Tour Finals in 2008 in Shanghai and he looks in the mood to emulate that success after moving into the final with four consecutive victories -- the only unbeaten run of the eight competing players.

Roger Federer remains on course for a seventh ATP Tour Finals title after the defending champion defeated third seed Andy Murray 7-6 (7/5), 6-2.



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